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COUNTY VET PROVIDES UPDATE ON SICK PETS FROM 'WET FOOD' RECALL

Twenty Cases Have Been Reported in San Diego County, One in Lab for Necropsy

The County Veterinarian's office has continued to receive calls from fellow veterinarians and pet owners across the county to report cases of sick pets from the nationwide pet food recall. So far, 20 cases of sick dogs and cats have been reported to the County Vet. One suspect case, involving a cat, has been sent to the County Veterinarian's lab for an animal autopsy.

"It is extremely important that pet owners check the type and date of their cat and dog food to be sure that it doesn't fall under the recall," said County Veterinarian Dr. Nikos Gurfield. "Our office is available for questions and to help determine the exact cause of death in pets."

Dr. Gurfield said the exact toxin in the wet food still has not been identified.

The recall involves 60 million containers of wet pet food made by Menu Foods sold at Wal-Mart, PetSmart Inc., Safeway, Kroger and other store brands. Dry food is currently not affected.

The contaminated food is believed to be responsible for the death of 10 dogs and cats from kidney failure nationwide, but those numbers could increase. The recall affects 42 cat and 53 dog food labels that include Iams, Nutro and Eukanuba.

If your pet is vomiting, has a loss of appetite or is lethargic, please seek veterinary care immediately. For a complete listing of recalled products, along with their product codes, descriptions and production dates, visit www.sdcountyvet.org and click on Pet Food Recall.

To contact the County Veterinarian's Office to report a sick or deceased pet that you think may have been affected by the contamination, call 858-694-2838.

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